

Some interesting Assistive Technology resources- 4/10/2010
(Please use at your own discretion; not an endorsement)

Librivox: <http://librivox.org/>

LibriVox provides free audiobooks from the public domain. There are several options for listening. The first step is to get the mp3 or ogg files into your own computer...

Bookshare: www.bookshare.org

- Provides access to books for print disabled
- Free for students with disabilities who qualify

Boardmaker/PCS books

http://www.baltimorecityschools.org/boardmaker/adapted_library.asp

Find books that have been adapted using the Picture Communication Symbols (PCS) and the Mayer-Johnson program; if you have your own copy of the book, we have files that allow you to print the symbols; must have Boardmaker loaded on your computer.

ReadWriteThink <http://www.readwritethink.org> Student Materials, parent and teacher resources promoting literacy; see also "ReadWriteThink Webbing Tool"

Free dictionary: <http://www.thefreedictionary.com/>

"The world's most comprehensive dictionary: English, Spanish, German, French, Italian, Chinese, Portuguese, Dutch, Norwegian, Greek, Arabic, Polish, Turkish, Russian, Medical, Legal, and Financial Dictionaries, Thesaurus, Acronyms and Abbreviations, Idioms, Encyclopedia, a Literature Reference Library, and a Search Engine all in one!"

WordAid <http://www.oatsoft.org/Software/wordaid>

WordAid is a lexical word listing program (as opposed to a word predictor) with text-to-speech support that can aid the development of literacy.

Windows accessibility

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/accessibility/default.msp>

Access to the Computer, Windows XP, Access to the Computer--Visit Microsoft.com website for descriptions and directions on how to change settings for individual needs.

Mac/apple accessibility <http://www.apple.com/accessibility/macosx/vision.html>

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L. Burkhardt resources <http://lburkhart.com/mhouse.htm>

Handouts and "Make it Yourself" Directions, Vendors and Selected Resources, Web Links, Books and Products relating to assistive technology and its implementation with students.

Big.com <http://www.big.com/home.php>

Access to the Internet, Accessible Search Engines; The Big.com Web Magnifier is a free toolbar for Internet Explorer 6.0 that magnifies most Web pages and lets you perform Web searches on Big.com. This utility was designed for people who prefer to see Web pages displayed in a larger format.

Google accessibility <http://labs.google.com/accessible/>

Accessible Search Engines; Accessibility Enhancements

Pearson SuccessNet www.pearsonsuccessnet.com

Pearson SuccessNet is "a powerful Web-based application with activities for teachers, administrators, and students – a single workplace for teaching, learning, and saving valuable time."

Jason project <http://www.jason.org>

Nonprofit subsidiary of National Geographic Society, free multimedia content to schools; interactive curriculum in science, professional development for teachers.

Curriki <http://www.curriki.org>

Like Wikipedia, lets users create, add, and change entries; open curriculum site repository for K—12 curricula in math, science, technology, reading, language arts and foreign languages. (Users edit these entries--Trust your community!)

Watchknow <http://www.watchknow.org>

Free online resource, "YouTube meets Wikipedia", directory of educational videos for ages 3—18; nearly 3,000 categories to supplement education (but YouTube may be blocked from school networks.)

Thinkfinity <http://www.thinkfinity.org>

Provides resources and opportunities to advance learning by offering high quality content created by experts.

News for today's techie educators <http://www.eschoolnews.com/Research/>

Recent study IDs computer-based learning successes with children with autism

Cartoon commix <http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/> is a fun site with cartoon type characters that you choose for your own cartoon conversation. See Helen's at: http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/Comix/?comix_id=7062195C187331